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1. SECURITY SITUATION

A. AUGUST 16 - I CORPS HEADQUARTERS BRIEFING: THREE CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED CONSISTING OF TWO ATTACKS BY FIRE AND ONE HARASSMENT. GVN CASUALTIES: NINE KIA AND TWENTY-SEVEN WIA. PRG/NVA CASUALTIES: TWELVE KIA AND ONE RETURNEE. FOURTEEN ROUNDS OF FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS; THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE FIRED SOUTH.

B. AUGUST 17 - FOURTEEN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS REPORTED CONSISTING OF THREE GROUND ATTACKS, EIGHT ATTACKS BY FIRE AND THREE HARASSMENTS. GVN CASUALTIES: NINE KIA, SIX MIA, AND SIXTEEN
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WIA. PRG/NVA CASUALTIES: SIX KIA. FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR

ROUNDS OF FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS;
SEVEN HUNDRED SIX ROUNDS FIRED SOUTH.

C. ELEMENTS OF THE 54TH REGIMENT IN SOUTH-WESTERN NAM HOA
DISTRICT OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE REPORTED AN INCREASE OF ENEMY
ACTIVITY. BLOCKING POSITIONS OF THE 1RT BN/54TH REGIMENT
RECEIVED 261 ROUNDS OF MIXED 60/82MM MORTAR AND 57MM RECOILESS
RIFLE FIRE AT TD846014 THE EVENING OF 16 AUGUST. AT 0800 ON
17 AUGUST CASUALTY FIGURES WERE NOT CLEAR, BUT THE POSITION
WAS STILL HOLDING. THE 54TH REGIMENT CP AT YD934872 RECEIVED
FIVE ROUNDS

F 122MM ROCKET FIRE BETWEEN 1830 AND 1845 ON
16 AUGUST. THE BLACK PANTHER COMPANY OF THE 1ST DIVISION AT
YD793023 RECEIVED A GROUND PROBE AT 0925 ON 16 AUGUST AND
HELICOPTERS REPORTED GROUND FIRE AT ZC064866 AND ZC069870.
THE I CORPS TOC COMMANDER BELEIVES THAT THE ENEMY IS TESTING
FRIENDLY FORCES IN THE PROVINCE AND ATTEMPTING TO REOPEN AN
INFILTRATION ROUTE INTO THE AREA WEST OF PHU BAI. FRIENDLY
ARTILLERY UNITS PROVIDED COUNTER-BATTERY AND SUPPORTING FIRE.
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